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The LIFE of the late Rev. J. WESLEY, A. M.

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AFTER the Death of the late Rev. Mr. WESLEY I was ſolicited by the Executors, and other reſpectable perſons in *London*, for whom I have the higheſt eſteem, to write ſome Account of his Life, and of the Work in which he had been engaged. I had many objections againſt undertaking ſo arduous a taſk, and therefore deferred giving them a final anſwer. This I did, partly in expectation that ſome other perſon might poſſibly give us a *full, accurate,* and *impartial* account of the uſeful life of this eminent ſervant of Chriſt, and then I ſhould have been well ſatisfied, *whoever* had performed it. But nothing has yet been publiſhed which anſwers to any one of theſe characters; and I know not that any perſon is engaged in this Work, whoſe information can enable him to do more juſtice to it. I have therefore determined to comply with the requeſt of the Executors and other friends, and to execute the Work with all the fidelity and care of which I am capable.

In order that every one may judge of the fidelity with which facts are ſtated, I ſhall give my authorities throughout the whole Work.

I am anxious to write the Life of Mr. WESLEY *in ſuch a manner, as,* 1. To do juſtice to his character in his various connections and labours. This will neceſſarily include ſome account of the Preachers who have been connected with him in the work of the Goſpel, and of his motives for entering into theſe connections. 2. To give a true and accurate Hiſtory of Methodiſm, in its commencement and progreſs; in its principles, diſcipline, general tendency and effects. And here, not only the opinions, writings, and labours, but the ſpirit and temper of Mr. WESLEY will appear in the ſtrongeſt light. 3. To make the whole coincide with the general tenour of this great man's life and labours, the inſtruction and edification of chriſtians of all denominations.

If a gracious Providence ſhould give me life and health, I hope the Work will be publiſhed within a year from the date of theſe Propoſals.

Every Aſſiſtant is deſired to ſend a liſt of Subſcribers to Mr. *Whitfield*, at the Book-Room, in the City-Road, before the ſixth of January 1792, and to keep another liſt for his own uſe.

Every perſon who is in poſſeſſion of any of Mr. WESLEY's Letters on ſubjects of importance: or any Anecdote, well authenticated, which may throw light on his private character, is earneſtly requeſted to ſend them to Mr. *Whitfield* above mentioned, as ſoon as poſſible. If deſired, the letters ſhall be carefully returned.

London, July 6, 1791. JOHN WHITEHEAD.

Dr. *Whitehead* having been acquainted with the public and private Character of the late Rev. Mr. WESLEY more than twenty-five years; and being appointed by his Will, with two other perſons, to examine and reviſe his manuſcripts, we have ſolicited him to write the Life of Mr. WESLEY. And from the ſpecimen of his candour and impartiality which he has given in his Funeral Diſcourſe, we doubt not but it will be executed to the ſatisfaction of candid and liberal minded Chriſtians of all denominations.

June 21, 1791. GEORGE WOLFF, JOHN HORTON, WILLIAM MARRIOTT, } Executors of the Rev. Mr. Weſley.

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